

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) A method for selective handling of user equipment in a telecommunications network, wherein a Service Control Point (SCP) performs the steps of:

receiving a service request;
determining a user equipment identifier;
requesting a user equipment attribute relating to permission or deficiency status information of the user equipment;
receiving the user equipment attribute; and,
initiating a predetermined action based on the user equipment attribute.

15. (New) The method recited in claim 14, wherein the user equipment attribute comprises an indication that the user equipment is not permitted for use and wherein the step of initiating a predetermined action based on the user equipment attribute comprises the step of initiating the termination of service to the user equipment.

16. (New) The method recited in claim 14, wherein the user equipment attribute comprises an indication that the user equipment is permitted for use and wherein the step of initiating a predetermined action based on the user equipment attribute comprises the step of continuing service to the user equipment.

17. (New) The method recited in claim 14, wherein the user equipment attribute comprises an indication of a particular deficiency of the user equipment.

18. (New) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the step of initiating a predetermined action based on the user equipment attribute comprises the step of initiating deficiency handling process based on said particular deficiency.

19. (New) The method recited in claim 14, wherein the step of determining a user equipment identifier comprises the step of receiving the user equipment identifier in the service request.

20. (New) The method recited in claim 19, wherein the step of determining a user equipment identifier comprises the steps of:

requesting a user equipment identifier from a user equipment; and,
receiving the user equipment identifier from the user equipment.

21. (New) A Service Control Point for a telecommunications network, comprising:

a service handling unit for handling a service request;
a processing unit for controlling further units;

a user equipment identifier determining unit for determining a user equipment identifier; and,

an interface unit for requesting a user equipment attribute relating to permission or deficiency status information of the user equipment and for receiving the user equipment attribute.

22. (New) The Service Control Point recited in claim 21, wherein the Service Control Point is adapted to handle a user equipment attribute that comprises an indication that the user equipment is not permitted for use and wherein the Service Control Point further comprises a service termination unit for initiating the termination of service to the user equipment.

23. (New) The Service Control Point recited in claim 21, wherein the Service Control Point is adapted to handle a user equipment attribute that comprises an indication of a particular deficiency of the user equipment.

24. (New) The Service Control Point recited in claim 23, wherein the Service Control Point further comprises a deficiency handling unit for initiating a deficiency handling process based on the particular deficiency.

25. (New) The Service Control Point recited in claim 21, wherein the service handling unit is adapted to process a user equipment identifier in the service request.

26. (New) The Service Control Point recited in claim 21, wherein the Service Control Point further comprises an interface unit for requesting a user equipment identifier and for receiving the user equipment identifier.

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